

## RED CROSS WORKING ON RARE BLOOD FILE

Collecting blood as Red Cross will do in Torrance at the Elk's Lodge, 1820 Abalone St., on Monday Nov. 11 from 2:30 to 7 p.m. is only a portion of the service Red Cross offers through its nation wide blood program.

Volunteer donors, like the 330 expected to roll up their sleeves at the community bloodmobile, make possible the completion of a file referred to daily in an effort to save lives of persons requiring very rare-blood.

How will those giving blood be assisting this project Mrs. Robert Orsini, Blood Program Chairman for the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross Branch, says blood collected daily by Red Cross is analyzed by lab technicians and that donations taining rare factor combinations are included in the file.

Dr. Phillip Sturgeon, the lab's director, says more than 40 factors are used in the classification of human blood, factors which make a persons blood almost as individual as his fingerprints.

Certain blood recipients build up anti-bodies against one or more of the blood classification factors and if these patients are to receive transfusions, donors must be found with matching blood-formula.

A current problem facing the Red Cross blood research laboratory in Los Angeles concerns some one in St. Paul, Minn. listed as "male adult," who needs 15 pints

of rare-type blood so that he may have an operation to correct a defective heart.

Names aren't important to the blood lab. All they need to know is the problem, and they go to work trying to solve it.

This man's blood group is A, which is common enough, but the problem is that it also includes four antibodies, making his blood rare, indeed.

Red Cross researchers describe his blood as AI Le (av b) rh rh P2, a combination of antibodies and factors that occurs perhaps just once in two or three thousand individuals.

So far, between the research laboratory's rare-donor file and daily screening of donors, Red Cross has found seven people with blood that "fits."

As soon as another eight are found, the heart patient's doctor will be notified that Red Cross is ready, a date for surgery will be set in a St. Paul Hospital and the 15 donors here will be called and asked to come in to the blood center on the day before surgery.

The 15 pints will be collected and rushed to the airport for a quick flight to Minnesota.

It may take a while, but sooner or later through the Red Cross blood program, this will be solved and Mr. Adult in St. Paul will have new hope for a full and active life.

## IN THE SERVICE

Charles R. Westerfield, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin L. Westerfield of 163 E. Torrance Blvd. Torrance, is serving with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Five at the Naval Air Station, Konset Point, R.I.

The squadron flies the latest model HBS-1N, night dipping helicopters, and deploys regularly aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain.

Pvt. Mary F. Perkins, whose mother lives at 2350 W. 250th., Lomita completed eight weeks of basic military training at The Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Ala., late in September.

Private Perkins received instruction in such subjects as Army history and tradition, administrative procedures and first aid.

She is a graduate of Forter High School in New Orleans, La.

Airman Douglas L. Towne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Towne of 4014 W. 184th St., Torrance, is being reassigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., for technical training as a United States Air Force air armament mechanic.

Airman Towne, who enlisted in the Air Force a short time ago, has completed his initial basic military training at Lackland AFB.

He is a 1962 graduate of North High School.

Technical Sergeant James D. Phillips, son of Mrs. Galloway Phillips of Marion, Ill., has arrived at Wheeler AFB, Hawaii for assignment with an Air Force Communications, Service unit.

Sergeant Phillips, a radio equipment maintenance supervisor, previously was assigned to Sidi Slimane AB, Morocco.

The sergeant, a graduate of San Rafael (Calif.) High School, entered the Air Force in April, 1951. His father, Galloway Phillips, resides on Rt. 1, Ward, Ark.

His wife, Marie, is the daughter of Mrs. Josephine Salazar of 1133 W. Opp St., Wilmington.

Army Pvt. George W. Dorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Dorman, 2052 238th St. Torrance, completed a ten-week cartographic drafting course at The Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., in mid-September.

During the course, Dorman received instruction in compiling data used on military maps.

The 20-year-old soldier entered the Army in April, 1963 and completed basic combat training at Fort Ord, Calif.

He is a 1960 graduate of Torrance High School and

attended El Camino College.

Marine Private First Class Glenn T. Purdy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Purdy of 2975 W. Carson St.

Marine Corporal Larry Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel J. Sullivan of 1714 W. 234th St., all of Torrance, are members of the Third Battalion, Third Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division, which is embarked aboard amphibious ships of the Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

The battalion will conduct landing exercises, amphibious training, demonstrations and visit ports in the Far East during its two-month stay with the Seventh Fleet.

Upon completion of the exercises the battalion will return to its home base on Okinawa.

Cadet Barry G. Flanary, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Flanary, 18717 Yukon Ave., Torrance, has been named to the staff position of executive officer with the rank of cadet major in his unit at the Air Force Academy.

Cadet Flanary was selected for the position in recognition of his demonstrated leadership abilities and his effectiveness ratings.

The cadet, a graduate of Wilson (Okla.) High School and a former student at El Camino College, is a member of the academy class of 1964.

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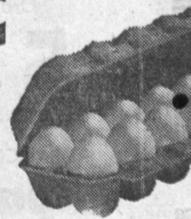
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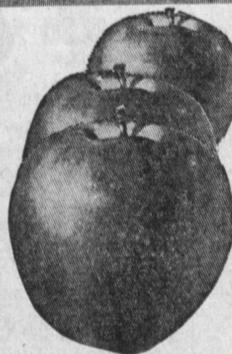
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